

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 837

By Jackson

A RESOLUTION to commend Ms. Lola Woolridge for her 54 years of honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lola Woolridge is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Woolridge is a highly respected member of the Nashville community; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary tenure as a dedicated public servant with the State of Tennessee, she has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Woolridge began her esteemed career with Tennessee State Government as a secretary with the University of Tennessee Agriculture Extension Services; and

WHEREAS, through great determination and diligence, Ms. Woolridge has earned the respect of her supervisors and colleagues and has earned numerous promotions; and

WHEREAS, she has served the State of Tennessee in various capacities, including meritorious service as the Executive Secretary of the Board of Cosmetology, as a Regulatory Boards Administrator, as an Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Commissioner of Fire Prevention, as an Administrative Services Assistant acting as Director of Pyrotechnics, and her current position as an Administrative Services Assistant acting as a Consumer Protection Specialist; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Central High School in Cookeville, Tennessee, Lola Woolridge has completed 1,196 hours of continuing education to enhance her professional performance; and

WHEREAS, due to her exemplary career, Ms. Woolridge has earned numerous honors and awards, including the 1998 Employee of the Year Award for the Division of Fire Prevention, the Codes Enforcement Section Employee of the Year Award, and special recognition by the State House of Representatives in 1989 and the State Senate in 1994; and

WHEREAS, an active member of her community, Ms. Woolridge lends her time and remarkable talents to numerous professional and civic organizations, including the Tennessee State Employees Association, the United Way of Middle Tennessee, the American Society of Public Administration, the Tennessee Personnel Management Association, the Public Service Counsel, the National Education Committee for Testing and Reciprocity, and the National Association of State Boards of Barber Examiners; and

WHEREAS, the longevity of Lola Woolridge's impeccable career has stemmed from her tremendous love for public service and her State; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Woolridge's desire to contribute to the people of Tennessee served as motivation to perform her duties in a manner beyond reproach; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Woolridge's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her unwavering reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, she is a an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Lola Woolridge is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Ms. Lola Woolridge for her 54 years honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee and salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.